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BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

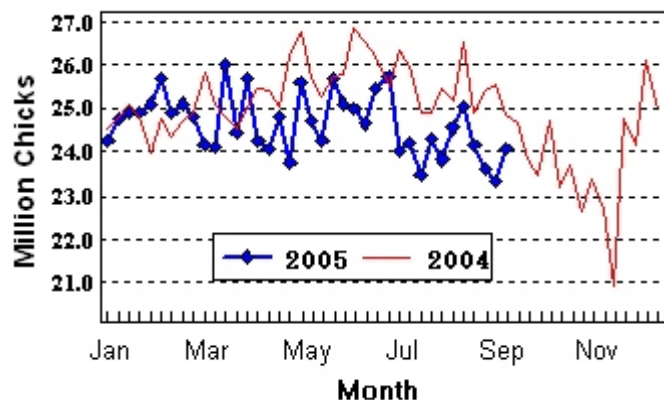
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending September 17, 2005. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through September 17, 2005 were 937.0 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.7 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

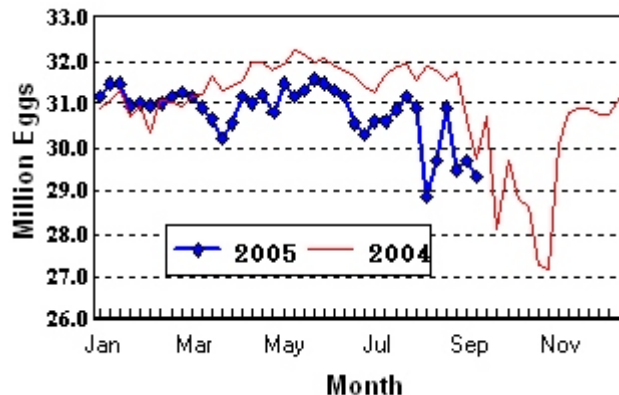
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 17, 2005, down 1 percent from both the same period last year, and from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 13	25,208	24,581	98	26,148	25,553	98	31,870	28,861	91
Aug. 20	26,539	25,069	94	26,298	25,700	98	31,803	29,686	93
Aug. 27	24,919	24,158	97	25,982	25,624	99	31,540	30,918	98
Sep. 3	25,421	23,640	93	26,183	24,040	92	31,753	29,480	93
Sep. 10	25,536	23,344	91	26,208	24,598	94	30,639	29,667	97
Sep. 17	24,868	24,071	97	25,938	25,693	99	29,739	29,297	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	27-Aug	03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep		13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug	03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	
Alabama	31,580	31,315	30,853	30,928	108	21,274	21,635	21,617	21,557	21,747	21,520	102
ARKANSAS	30,918	29,480	29,667	29,297	99	24,581	25,069	24,158	23,640	23,344 *	24,071	97
Delaware	3,784	3,835	3,937	3,668	113	5,998	5,954	5,864	5,735	4,032	5,832	114
Florida	1,379	1,394	1,344	1,379	102	1,635	1,511	1,510	1,662	1,492	1,431	110
Georgia	32,866 *	33,290	33,323	31,448	98	27,802	26,602	26,397	26,778	27,309 *	26,514	98
Kentucky	6,652	6,936	6,837	6,284	100	6,271	6,093	6,226	5,790	5,744 *	5,881	95
Louisiana	4,073	4,027	4,105 *	3,802	96	4,053	3,936	4,134	3,726	3,880 *	4,059	99
Maryland	8,919	8,838	8,713	8,509	108	5,327	4,987	5,253	5,526	5,425	5,173	93
Mississippi	18,605	17,523	17,639	17,672	97	17,466	17,240	16,994	14,687	15,322	16,252	100
N. Carolina	17,697 *	17,301	16,936	16,913	99	15,162	15,168	14,472	15,033	14,904	14,635	103
Oklahoma	6,671 *	6,387	6,669	6,377	106	5,101	4,907	4,387	4,998	5,358	5,311	85
Pennsylvania	4,195	4,170	4,283 *	3,984	123	3,360	3,134	3,011	2,926	3,041 *	2,921	101
S. Carolina	5,175	4,796	5,120	5,151	122	4,007	4,721	5,003	4,140	4,318	4,372	108
Texas	15,069	15,053	14,972	14,505	109	12,728	12,599	12,089	11,758	12,753	12,793	100
Virginia	6,196	6,182	6,112	6,030	103	5,019	5,172	5,207	5,111	4,780 *	4,919	89
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,233	18,225	18,238 *	16,833	103	16,202	16,230	17,826	16,515	17,496 *	16,940	106
Total 2005	212,012 *	208,752	208,748 *	202,780		175,986	174,958	174,148	169,582	170,945 *	172,624	
Total 2004	210,468	209,170	202,622	197,407		175,391	176,170	175,177	174,771	174,977	173,376	
%Prev. Year	101	100	103	103		100	99	99	97	98	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005						01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 203 million eggs during the week ending September 17, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 17, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 17, 2005 were 6.50 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.